

Victoria Area Council Meeting September 17 2024

Attendees:

Trish Martin President, CEIU 20975 - regrets

Monica Racz Vice President, UNDE 21008

Ian Wiggs Treasurer, UNDE 21008

Leanne Hughes Scribe, CIU 20042

Warren Wulff UHEW 20076

Jason Glawson UNDE 21010

Danielle Dardengo UNDE 21011

Curtis Martin DCL 20500

Jessica Dagasso CEIU 20947

PSAC Staff James Little

Meeting called to order 601 pm by Monica, as Chair.

Motion to approve agenda.

Mover Warren

Secunder Danielle

None opposed, passed.

Previous Minutes from August 20 not sent out yet.

Finance Report

Ian gave a verbal report 2 outstanding cheques total of 2963.07 in bank.

Moved by Ian

Seconded by Warren

None opposed, passed.

Labour Day Updates:

Saanich Fair- 2 main topics we talked about – Lighthouse Closures, and Still Thirsty for Justice.

Ian Saanich Fair increase allotment for Fair

Plus, Labour Day picnic

Ian – lots of people, thanks to those that volunteered, \$1100.00 was budgeted, spent \$1020.00, so \$80.00 under budget.

Flag / banner PSAC who we are – suggestion.

Return to Office comments.

Grab and go – new member kits.

Business cards for the Regional Office

Esquimalt Labour Day Picnic- Warren-really successful, attendance up 40% from last year, and other municipalities, had members of the public and other unions attend, were next to greater Victoria Teachers Association, was hard to hear speakers, need more member volunteers next year, convenient location- across the street from the Regional office. Warren wanted to commend Kahla and Angela. Need a hot topic pamphlet in the boot for the volunteers to prep with

James- volunteers

Ian PSAC members package who's who, booth location could have been closer to politicians, firefighters had stop domestic violence.

Solidarity Saturday October 8, Josh/ Marcelo- waiting for an update from them on this and report back.

North Vancouver Island Area Council- Protein Project good email to share, Monica does a food drive twice a year where she works.

Monica- ULDP updates:

Curtis – Solidarity Barbeque, all union welcome, RSVP, area council spreading word, North Island Area Council donated \$500. looking for \$500 from us.

Motion for up to \$500. For the Solidarity Barbeque

Mover Leanne

Secunder Warren

None opposed, passed.

Warren made a motion for up to \$500 for all candidates meeting for Victoria Beacon Hill on October 16 at 7 pm

Mover Warren

Secunder Danielle

None opposed, passed.

Explained that the ULDP project was to help foster democracy in the union, bring members together, and understand the value in voting for labour friendly parties and candidates.

James Bay community centre/ School gym, 140 Oswego In James Bay

Have partnered with the Greater Victoria Teachers Association and may have other partner(s).

Have secured 2 of the candidates and hoping to have more attend, Audio/ Visual secured unionized, 477 PSAC members in that riding.

Danielle- other unions willing to advertise the event, coffee news, downtown Victoria Residents Association (posters).

Jessica -Event page live on PSACBC site and poster to be sent out. Not all confirmed yet.

Monica will be in a supporting role for ULDP; burnout is being experienced.

Warren thanks for the funding, not a cheap endeavour.

James Little wanted to congratulate all for their ULDP projects.

Monica wishing them all well.

Round table:

Monica via Trish- looking at doing event with Carolyn Sampson (friend of Trish) medicine bag kits for Truth and Reconciliation 9-12 or 1-4 one day.

Buy a medicine bag and contents, you learn traditional healing ways and culture- should explore this.

Warren took part and learned a lot in this opportunity.

Warren- Alex Silas PSAC National Executive Vice President will be on the island from Oct 8-10.

Planning a plant gate at Institute of Ocean Sciences, over return to office Oct 9.

Some still working from home 5 days and other 2-3 days in office.

REVP PSACBC Jamey Mills will also attend.

Ian- Still ongoing issue of National Defence sliding people in civilian positions.

Curtis, Thanks again.

640 motion to adjourn the meeting by Monica.